

Campus Voices

How do you feel about the Homecoming concert being in the Gaines Center?



"I feel that it's convenient in some ways, but it looks low budget."

—Kristen Talley, Senior, Marketing



"It's not going to work, because you have WSSU students plus students from other schools coming. I think it's going to be overcrowded."

—Kenny French, Junior Marketing and Accounting



"I like the idea, because it's no point in spending money somewhere else. It's Homecoming, it should be at home."

—Ricky Jones, Freshman, Mass Communications (Radio/TV)



"I like it. Because SGA can save a lot of money, and we can have other student activities, plus students are saving money too."

—Camille Williams, Junior, Therapeutic Recreation

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2003 Homecoming Schedule

SUNDAY, OCT. 26
6:00 p.m.

Alumni Gospel Concert -The week-long celebration begins with an inspiring gospel concert in K.R. Williams Auditorium sponsored by the WSSU National Alumni Association.

MONDAY, Oct. 27
5:00 p.m.

Call to Celebration - The Office of Student Activities will officially kick off the on-campus homecoming celebration with music and the distribution of Homecoming brochures.

8:00 p.m.

Comedy Show - The wildly popular show will feature some of the hottest new comedy sensations in the country in K.R. Williams Auditorium.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28
11:00 a.m.

Totally Interactive Video - Homecoming revelers can make their own music CD and video at the Cleon F. Thompson Student Services Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29
7:00 p.m.

Coronation of Miss WSSU -Miss Mignon Turner, a WSSU senior Mass Communications major, shall be crowned and will begin her official reign. The theme of the event is "Fairy Tale Beginnings" and will be held in K.R. Williams Auditorium.

9:30 p.m.

Masquerade Ball - The black-tie event will be held in McNeil Banquet Hall of the Albert H. Anderson Center.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30
12:00 noon

Campus Olympics Opening Ceremony - This activity is sponsored by WSSU Greek organizations.

5:00 p.m.

Ram Spirit Banner Contest -Banners will be judged in all Residence Halls.

6:30 p.m.

Homecoming Halloween Haunted House - This fun-filled event will be held at the Anderson Center, McNeil Banquet Hall.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 (Red and White Day)
8:45 a.m.

Homecoming Wreath Laying Ceremony at K.R. Williams Auditorium.

9:00 a.m.

Homecoming Golf Tournament- This will be a 4 - person Captain's Choice format. The entry fee is \$75.00. The tournament will be held at Winston-Lake Golf Course (ends at 3 p.m.).

9:45 a.m.

Founder's Day Convocation - This event is scheduled to be held at K.R. Williams Auditorium.

11:00 a.m.

Alumni Registration—All alumni are asked to come to room 207 of the Cleon F. Thompson Student Services Center.

12 noon

Alumni Reception - Alumni will be received at Diggs Gallery.

1:00 p.m.

Mini-Parade and Pep Rally - Students, alumni and friends are asked to gather for this event at the Alumni House.

4:00 p.m.

Meet Coach C. E. Gaines - Meet legendary former WSSU basketball coach "Bighouse" Gaines in the breezeway of the Cleon F. Thompson Student Services Center.

8:00 p.m.

Homecoming Step Show - Greek organizations compete at K.R. Williams Auditorium.

9:00 p.m.

Crowning of Miss Alumni & Reception - The regal ceremony will be held at Dillard Auditorium in the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

10:30 p.m.

Alumni Homecoming Cabaret - The always-festive event will be held at the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

SATURDAY, Nov. 1
9:00 a.m.

Alumni Registration - All alumni are asked to please stop by the Alumni House and register.

10:00 a.m.

Annual Homecoming Parade - The parade with more than 100 entries will wind its way down 4th Street in downtown Winston-Salem before the big game.

2:00 p.m.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME - The WSSU Rams take on the Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls at Bowman Gray Stadium. The Homecoming Block Party will begin after the game ends in the center of campus.

7:30 p.m.

WSSU Homecoming Concert - This event features nationally recognized recording artists and will be held at the C.E. Gaines Center.

9:00 p.m.

Alumni Old Schoolhouse Basement Party - This throwback to the "good old days" will be held at the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

SUNDAY, Nov. 2
11:00 a.m.

Worship Service - This ecumenical service will be held at St. Philips Moravian Church, located at 3002 Bon Air Avenue in Winston-Salem. Rev. Cedric S. Rodney will preside.

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place winners received a monetary prize. The selected topic for the contest was "My Black College Experience."

The seven contestants included Mason Parker, Sheena Davis, Troy Smith, Brandy Little, Maria Singleton, Akela LeCry, and Ricky Jones. A few of the contestants shared their thoughts and feelings about the opportunities the program provided before it began.

"Basically this is crazy; for one thing, you get to do what you love in front of a large percentage of the student body. It's a great thing to be able to speak before KRS-ONE," said Mason "Quill" Parker.

Another contestant, junior Sheena Simpson, said, "Right now I am very excited to be speaking before KRS-ONE. I think that this is a great privilege."

The talking in the audience slowly came to a halt as Mr. Ram 2003-2004, Alan Brown, began the program by letting the audience know to what extent judges Joy Rivers, Ebony Wilson, and Sheri Clawson would critique the speeches. He also let audience members know that the first prize winner would get \$200, second prize \$100, and third prize \$75. The evening's winners included Sheena Simpson in first place, Ricky Jones in second place, and Troy Smith in third place. When asked to comment on their latest accomplishments first place winner Sheena Simpson said, "I feel truly blessed and honored."

"God is good, and all things are possible through Him," said Ricky Jones.

Troy Smith said, "Thank God for this wonderful opportunity," said Troy Smith.

The spoken word competition came to a close and deejay Tommy G. gave the audience some music to listen to while anticipating the arrival of KRS-ONE.

And a star arrives...

When KRS-ONE stepped on the stage and immediately received a standing ovation. As he took his position at the podium, he let the

audience know that he was glad to be at WSSU again.

"First of all I'm extremely excited to be back in Winston-Salem," KRS said.

He began to get comfortable and asked for a hand-held microphone. From the very beginning of his speech until the end, the audience felt the charisma and energy that he had for the subject that he was speaking of- Hip- Hop. He broke down the meaning of Hip-Hop and let the members of the audience know that it is a lifestyle and the way we look at the world.

"Hip-hop is deeper than you think. It is Holy Integrated People Having Omnipresent Power."

He expanded upon why he and other individuals brought about hip-hop and how it was done.

"We gave value to ourselves first, and Hip-hop gave itself the authority to interpret the world... We rocked dirty rags on our heads and wore ripped jeans and years later our fashion is worth \$3 billion a year because we gave it value," said KRS.

The continual stress KRS-ONE placed on giving value to yourself and what you own correlated with his stressing the importance of obtaining an education.

"Your words are your wealth. Hit the dictionary and raise your vocabulary," he said.

The main thing KRS-ONE was trying to get young people to realize is that with an education and self-esteem, the only thing that is left to do is give yourself value. Many audience members seemed awed and said they would not have thought of hip-hop was that deep.

"He was so deep. I didn't think of hip-hop on that level," said sophomore Chanelle Broughton. "That's all I can say."

In closing, KRS-ONE reminded the audience on one thing.

"If you believe you are going to make it, you are, but be realistic. Before you get success, you have to think you have it."

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As for the future of Ram-TV, Mr. Davis is quite optimistic that as long as there is student involvement the station will find its niche.

"Continuation of student production, campus events, maybe even a movie." A mass communications club video is to help students develop their portfolio. Not only does Ram-TV entertain, it can also educate and inform.

In five years, Mr. Davis said he could picture Ram-TV "On 24 hours a day with all types of campus and community programming being aired. Such as daily news, talk shows, entertainment shows, live athlete events and whatever else students can come up with."

"I'd love to hold a Ram-TV Crew alumni reunion five years from now, to see where the students are and what kind of jobs they hold. I expect big things."

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